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MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

January 6, 1947.

A.D.P. Heeney, Esq.  
Secretary to the Cabinet,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Heeney:

With reference to your letter of January 2nd, there is under present consideration an amendment to the Food and Drugs Act which will cover cosmetics.

The Act was amended in 1939 to include cosmetics in the definition of drugs. This inclusion and certain other sections relating to cosmetics have never been brought into force for the reason tht, in the opinion of the Department of Justice, certain aspects were of doubtful constitutionality.

Consideration is now being given to the revocation of the amendments in question and the enactment of a new Part to the Food and Drugs Act which will deal with cosmetics. A drat Bill has been prepared and this is now being discussed with the industries affected by the legislation, and it is hoped that within a short time it will be possible to put forward a printed copy of the bill for Cabinet consideration

It will not be possible to have this cleared with the industries and with the Department of Justice by the 11th of January, which is the date mentioned in your letter, so I thought it desirable to give you this explanation and my asurance that the matter will be expedited in every way possible.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Paul Martin